

**Karner Blue HCP
Implementation Oversight Committee Meeting**

August 11, 2004

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Schmeeckle Reserve - Stevens Point

Minutes

Introductions

Anti-Trust Statement was given by Dave Lentz

Attending: Gary Birch, Jim Zahasky, Matt Krumenauer, Dave Lentz

Absent: Forest Industry, TNC, DATCP

NOTE: A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING.

1. Administrative Issues & Announcements

- **Review April 14, 2004 IOC Action Items (Only unfinished items reported here).**

4/14/04 Agenda Item #13: ATC Lands Included Issued

ATC took over some land from other utility partners, but those transfers were not well represented until Matt Krumenauer (ATC) supplied maps showing these land transfers. To better track lands included, Cathy Carnes asked if individual partners who transferred lands supply updated maps to attach amend their SHCA appendix A's. Could partners themselves supply sum total of "lands included" instead of Scott Bernstein (data manager) totaling each year?

Action Dave: Discuss with IOC on 4/14/04.

IOC members suggested that this would not be too difficult to do. Jim Zahasky brought up the fact that this will not show how much potential habitat, only how many acres of land covered under HCP.

Dave reiterated the need to further develop DNR's HCP Lands database to help keep track of how much TRUE potential habitat is included in the HCP, not just how much partner-owned land.

ACTION DAVE: Send out a letter to partners and ask them for updated lands included data. Build this into the annual report.

NOT DONE

4/14/04 Agenda Item #7. Weaver-Boos Utility Corridor Guideline

Utility partners have been using Weaver/Boos Guidelines for management, but there is not an electronic copy available. Must be determined if Weaver/Boos guidelines will apply for new utility partners or if an amendment to HCP needs to be drafted. If Weaver-Boos applies, there is a need to reproduce guideline electronically for future use. Also, is this document proprietary to partners who paid the consultant to produce the report? Is the property of the consultant?

Gary noted that this could cost a good amount of money to gain rights to this publication. We will have to answer the questions above. Dave suggested if rights needed to be purchased because the information can't be produced otherwise, that it would be possible to use some of the fees coming in from new partners.

Action: Since corridors were not represented today, Dave will contact some of the original corridor HCP team members get answers to the questions above.

Matt K. said the document is bought and paid for and W-B holds no copyright.

ACTION: Matt will scan and convert the document for use as a guideline for all corridor managers.

4/14/04 Agenda Item #9. Loss of experience/ institutional knowledge of HCP development and purpose

Dave is concerned about direction of the IOC. Attendance is starting to decline at both IOC and HCP Team meetings. There were 6 or 7 partners with no representation at the winter meeting. Dave suggested IOC meetings be held quarterly instead of bi-monthly, dealing with smaller interim issues via e-mail. This should allow for increased participation by IOC members as well as advance notice of issues to consider for meetings. IOC members present agreed that this was a good idea.

Jim suggested using audits and application process to make sure new partners understand their responsibilities to participate. Dave noted that with increased retirements and people moving on to other jobs, the HCP team composition is quickly shifting towards folks that were not involved in the HCP development process. They may not fully understand the significance of this HCP. Dave is concerned that there may be a shift to less involvement and more partners simply doing what is required of them and little more. The original partner representatives sat at the development table every month for 5 years. Because of this investment, they have always felt they needed to give more for the HCP to be a success. He noted that it is "easy to be marginal, more difficult to be great" and we need to encourage participation. Hopefully the summer field trip will help with this and showcase cooperation b/w partners.

Meanwhile, we need IOC leadership to help encourage this participation. Moving to quarterly meetings might help to increase participation. Jim Zahasky asked about requirements for attendance/alternates at IOC meetings. Dave reviewed what the HCP says and stressed that some partner entities may simply too busy to participate in bi-monthly meetings. This is actually a matter of priorities. Jim suggests a meeting reminder a week before meetings. Gary suggests this could be duty of IOC chair to sent out notice, determine who will be attending for each partner group, and ask for additional agenda items. Dave noted that forewarning of attendance can also affect meeting location (i.e. if all who are attending are from Madison, meeting in Stevens Point would not make sense).

ACTION IOC: Implement new quarterly meeting schedule beginning with August meeting.

ACTION: Due to a lack of a quorum 8/11/04 we decided to carry over this item until the October IOC meeting. It warrants additional discussion with the whole IOC.

- **Audit Schedule.**

Dave shared list of those to be audited, but said dates were not yet scheduled.

- **DNR HCP Staff changes.**

- Peter Moreno has left his O&E Specialist position to move to Seattle to attend law school, (and with wife Megan, await the arrival of their first child).
- Scott Bernstein has resigned as the HCP Data Mgr. to pursue graduate studies in Belize.
- Megan Marie, the HCP Assistant is pulling up roots and moving to Alaska this fall with husband Scott.

Peter, Scott and Megan have all made significant and lasting contributions to the HCP program, and will be missed.

2. Committee Membership Business

- Nomination of new IOC representative candidates (approval by current IOC).
- Amendment/clarification of chair selection process.
- Select new IOC chair.

Since a quorum was not present, these items could not be officially concluded. They will be carried over to the October IOC meeting.

Action: Dave & Gary : Talk to absentees about their obligation to get a substitute, even if their entities alternate can not attend.

Jim: Suggested we each encourage our alternates to attend October meeting.

Action: Gary will talk to others.

3. Inclusion Issues

- Inclusion Updates: New partner candidates and progress. Approvals.
IOC approval of new partner candidates still pending completion of SHCA. If all current applicants are successful, there could be 45 partners by the end of the 2004.
- Fee banker? NF&WF? Still not done.

Action: Dave to contact NF&WF and Natural Resources Foundation to see if they would act as banker for new partner entry fees.

4. Mitigation Plans for Permanent Take

- Swiss, Waupaca Co. Hwy., Foster, ACEC
Dave gave updates on the status of mitigation plans for requested permanent take projects. A standard mitigation process is being developed, which will streamline future permanent take requests.

5. SHCA Amendments

- Rich Sternkopf proposal. (A different way to approach pre-mgt. surveys) Suggest WE develop new SHCA.
- ANR pre-mgt. survey exemption status.
- Washburn County Forest pre-mgt. survey exemption status.
- TNC pre-mgt. survey exemption status.
Dave reported that all are in process and there is nothing new to report; no IOC action needed.

6. Bio-Issues

- Monitoring Improvement status: Design forestry EM experiments (recommend Cynthia Lane) Partner match funding.
Dave suggested Dr. Cynthia Lane might be interested in helping develop effectiveness monitoring study plans. This will require additional discuss among forestry partners.

Action: Dave will discuss with Joel Aanensen to explore the opportunities.

Jim said the MIT would have to roll out the results of the new monitoring strategy to partners. He suggested that this be done in smaller groups, i.e. county forests in one meeting, utility folks at another, etc. Then in advance of the winter HCP meeting, partners will have a good understanding of the new monitoring proposal and can make a more informed and involved decision in the direction we take.

Matt thought partners might be concerned about the potential for their monitoring workload to increase. Dave said this would not be the case. It will be no more, and for some much less, and in time it will be less for all except those assisting the federal recovery process.

Action: Dave to inform partners that monitoring workloads will be no more, and in time less.

- NCTC: next level: need BioTeam? (MIT to be standing team not a project?)
Dave and Cathy Carnes are attending a course in Adaptive Management and Monitoring at the National Conservation Training Center. It is expected this will be instrumental in the next steps the monitoring improvement team takes.
- GM/KBB connection: Ted's model + Satellite project = ?
Dave shared information about some lupine predictive modeling being done by Ted Sickley and UW-Madison. This is being done to screen out areas unlikely to have lupine to facilitate Gypsy Moth program spraying. Recently, Ted contacted Dr. Kevin Rice who is doing IKONOS satellite image correlation's to lupine blooms. Together these 2 projects may be more useful than apart. Also, the work that Rich Sternkopf (WE Energies) is doing in the same vein may also contribute to the value and credibility of a predictive tool.
Dave suggested that these projects might be very interesting to many partners and the IOC should consider putting this on the agenda for the HCP winter meeting.

7. HCP Amendments

There are several minor amendments just waiting for me to process. It is possible I can have some final amendment language ready for IOC approval (FWS has already commented).

Action: The hold up is Dave having time to develop and process the formal requests.

CLOSING

IOC BIG PICTURE NEXT YEAR:

- ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT & MONITORING - PREDICTIVE MODELING
- SUSTAIN ENTHUSIASM FOR HCP IMPLEMENTATION
- SUCCESSIONAL MANAGEMENT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTNER

Concentrate on monitoring and a predictive model. Synthesize the different research efforts with those who can apply the results with those who can fund the research, i.e. Invite eastern states recovery people, Recovery Team, NF&WF, NCASI, AZA, to share in this vision at the HCP team winter meeting.

**Next IOC meeting will be October 13, 2004 in Stevens Point
at the Portage County Annex Building**